(*iv*) duration of appointments held by each whenever re-appointed

(*v*) the dates of re-entertainments in service in each case;

(*g*) the list of those who are yet in the thrown-out list from among those who were entertained both in the Government and Municipal services between the dates referred to above in sub-division (*a*) under the heads of.—

(*i*) taluk-war basis

(*ii*) caste-war basis

(*iii*) total service of each?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): The time and labour involved in the collection of statistics do not seem to be commensurate with the purpose that may be achieved by answering the question.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): I have brought this to the notice of the Government to make them understand that there were several appointments which were made wilfully by the Heads of Departments in order to avoid the Staff Selection Board's selection especially when the Government were not to give any preference to thrown-out hands. Many people who would have been thrown out, were provided by the Departmental Heads in very short vacancies, one after the other. I request the Government that they may be pleased to answer at least some of the sub-divisions of the question.

D. A.—PROCESS PEONS.

156. Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the daily allowance a process peon in any of the Courts in the State was entitled to receive till it was cut recently;

(*b*) the amount of money the Government has made by way of saving;

(*c*) whether the Government is aware of the discontent of this class of poor menials;

(*d*) whether any complaints have been received from these poor menials about their hardship by any of the presiding officers in any of the Courts in the State;

(*e*) if the answer is in the affirmative, the names of the Courts where these were received;

(*f*) considering the hardship of these poor menials, will the Government be pleased to revise their orders of retrenchment by either revising their scale of pay as in British India or restore their allowance?

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Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 4 annas.

(*b*) It is not possible to state what amount the Government made by way of saving.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) No answer is called for in view of the reply to sub-division (*d*) above.

(*f*) The Government have ordered that process servers will be allowed actual expenditure by way of railway fare and ferry charges for journeys within 10 miles of head-quarters and the fare by steam or motor or bus service also beyond 10 miles.

The Government regret that they cannot at present consider the question of either revising their scale of pay or restoring their allowance.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): May I know whether Government knew of the sufferings these poor menials would be put to when they reduced their D. A. Further you say you do not know what amount you would make by way of saving. It will be certainly a very small amount. Can't it be restored?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): Your question was what was saved and not what you expect to save? If it was what you expect to save then we would have given you the amount.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): But if the Government had enquired into it, they would have understood that what they can save would be a very very small amount. My question now is why can't this D. A. be restored?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): 4 as. is really a very small amount. But when we think of restoring this, we have to consider the case of innumerable process servers in the several Courts of the State. In that case, the expenditure would be somewhere between six to seven thousand rupees.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): You could have mentioned that in your answer.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): But your question was 'what was saved' and not 'what you expect to save?'

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): If the amount actually saved was very small, will the Government be pleased to restore this?

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Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): I have already answered the question.

COCHINITES—S. I. R. SERVICE.

157. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of Cochinites in the service of the South Indian Railway at present?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): There are about 36,000 employees on the South Indian Railway. Government consider that the labour involved in ascertaining the number of Cochinites among them would be out of all proportion to the value of the information obtained.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar (*Nemmara*): Has the Government any idea as to whether any Cochinite is employed in the S. I. R. service?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): Yes, many.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar (*Nemmara*): Can't they at least get the approximate number of the Cochinites employed by the S. I. R. and the posts to which they were employed?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): We have no information.

Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adur*): Do the Government really think that the information asked for is absolutely unnecessary when they say that the labour involved would be out of all proportion to the value of information obtained?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): Considering the length of the line, the huge number of the employees under S. I. R. and the places where they are employed, Government think that the labour involved is really very much.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar (*Nemmara*): Is it the labour on the part of the Cochin Government or the S. I. R?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): Certainly on the part of S. I. R. They have to collect all the information. If we call for the information, they will say we should have additional staff and in that case we will have to pay more.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar (*Nemmara*): May I know whether actually any request was made to them?

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